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OPPOSITION to Bill 7 (2010)

Aloha to our City Council's;

My name is Alice Greenwood and I speak on behalf of Concerned Elders of Waianae, Kalaeloa Transitional, Ulu Ke Kukui Transitional, and Nani O Waianae we have significant concerns for our children, elders and those who are challenged, including our visitors from afar and our homeless here.

During our summer months the ultraviolet radiation emitted by the sun has and can cause monumental and lasting health problems, like cancer.

A few weeks ago, at Maili Beach Park, I brought a shaded tent to keep my 8 month old, great granddaughter out of the sun. The tent ended up shading other families and children who were at the park. It affords much more coverage than a beach umbrella, or even an overhead tarp because of its top and 3 walls. My tent was very effective in keeping my visitors and children in the shade. The mesh interior allowed the breeze to blow through and provide privacy. We were able to relax comfortably and enjoy good company and conversation.

During this down economy we all have stresses in our lives, some more than others. As for me and my friends we don't need any more in our lives. We are already beaten down by the economy. Bill 7 is like a hammer. Where is the bill that "lifts" rather than press down?

Ano Ai Me Ke Aloha, (In the Spirit of Compassion)

Mahalo

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